

Once again, we see the inevitable results of unchecked media consolidation. Sinclair Broadcasting's requirement that its stations show an anti-Kerry documentary this close to the election is an egregious abuse of the public airwaves and a violation of Sinclair's obligation to serve the public interest.

Broadcasters should be serving the needs of our local communities, rather than serving the centralized, corporate whims of media conglomerates. If media consolidation continues as it has, the very notion of "public airwaves" and the "public interest" will become a pure sham.

I STRONGLY urge you to strengthen, not weaken, media ownership rules. The rules should require a more thorough and careful vetting. Thank you.